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Sir A. Kirkbride (AMMAN)

No. 241 Secret

Dated 23.4.48.

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Telecommunications in Palestine.

Repeated to B.M.E.O. and Jerusalem.

Refers to Foreign Office telegram No. 231 (5037/1360/3

Transjordan Government would welcome presence of a Cable and Wireless Mobile Unit in Amman and request that unit should establish itself here as soon as possible.

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(Minutes.)

References.

Mr. Spinney of the General Department has informed Cable and Wireless of this reply from the Transjordan Government and the Company are going ahead with their arrangements to move the "blue train" to Transjordan. In deference to requests from journalists and broadcasting associations the Government of Palestine have arranged for Cable and Wireless to leave a communications link in Jerusalem until May 6th and the "blue train" will move about that date.

(Print.)

Mr. Spinney has also asked Cable and Wireless to see that their people in Transjordan keep a close watch for any messages from Jerusalem which may require retransmission, since it is possible that the means of communication left in Jerusalem after May 6th will not achieve direct contact with London.

(How disposed of.)

E. Mary P. Budgen
Telecommunications Dept
G.P.O.
May 13.

General Department

(J.G.S. Beith)
3rd May, 1948.

The G.P.O. informed me on the 30th April that Cable & Wireless (London) had instructed their staff in Cyprus and Jerusalem (the latter will later move to Amman) to keep watch for any messages sent from Jerusalem.

[G.D. Spinney]
6/5/48.

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(Action completed.)

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